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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years, my business and family suffered using AT&T as our telephone and internet provider. Slow speeds, hefty costs, and no customer service. When we found Sonic in northern California, we couldn't believe it. Such great service, prices, speed. I would never choose to use AT&T again if I had a choice. In the city, having a choice is important but for our home in rural northern California, it is crucial. For most rural communities, cloud computing is in the distant future as there is not enough bandwidth to consistently use these services. Small local companies are the only option. Broadband allows me to run my business from either of my homes, so I don't have to spend 4 hours or more traveling to my customers. I am able to work with people I may never meet face to face but we accomplish so much using remote services.

It's important to allow companies like Sonic to continue to exist and compete. If you believe that only a small percentage of people will be affected by allowing this petition to pass, you are not listening.

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